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ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

SELECTMEN, TOWN TREASURER, AUDITORS,

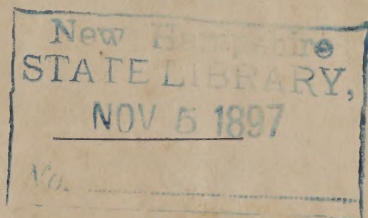
AND

Superintending School Committee

OF THE

TOWN OF PELHAM,

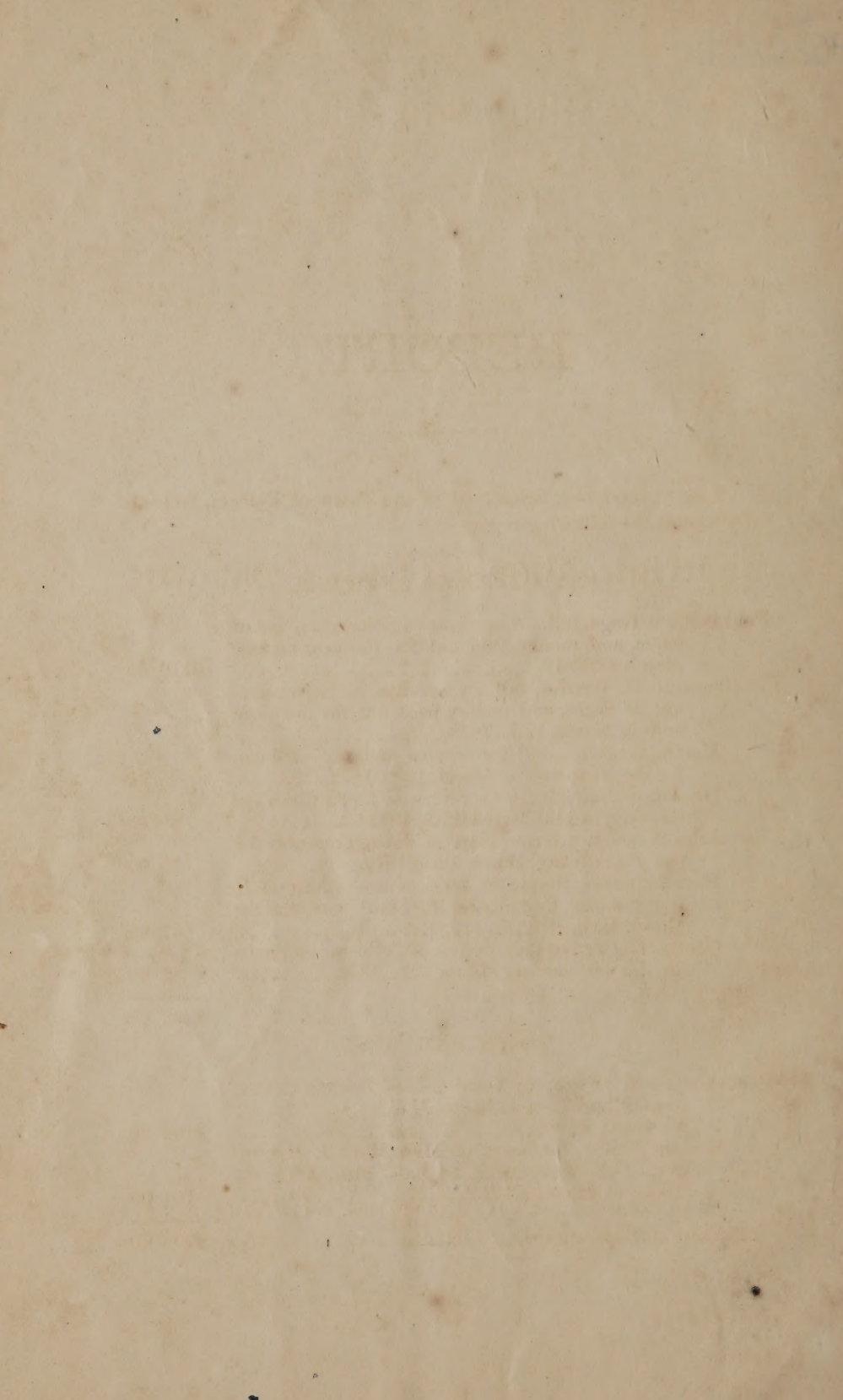
FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 11, 1873.



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1873.



# REPORT.

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THE undersigned, Selectmen of the Town of Pelham, respectfully submit the following report:

## PAY OF TOWN OFFICERS.

Paid Nathan Gage, bill for services as Selectman, use of horse, and money paid out for the year ending March 12th, 1872,.....	\$110 00
George H. Currier, bill for services as Selectman, use of horse, and money paid out for the year ending March 12th, 1872,.....	86 62
Martin L. Jones, bill for service and use of horse for the year ending March 12th, 1872,.....	25 00
Dr. Amos Bachelder, for services as Town Clerk for the year ending March 12th, 1872,.....	30 00
John Woodbury, for services as Town Treasurer for the year ending March 12th, 1872,.....	35 00
Rev. Augustus Berry, for services as Superintending School Committee for the year ending March 12th, 1872,.....	32 00
George H. Currier, for services as Collector of Taxes for the year ending March 12th, 1872,.....	85 00
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	\$403 62

## TOWN PAUPERS.

Paid Alpheus Goodwin, for board of Mrs. Rachel McCoy from March 1st, 1872, to March 1st, 1873, 52 weeks, at \$2.00,.....	\$104 00
Reuben Griffin, for board of Miss Mary J. Hobbs, from Feb. 20th, 1872, to Feb. 20th, 1873, 52 weeks, at \$2.00,.....	104 00
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Amount carried forward,.....	\$208 00



Amount brought forward,.....	\$208 00
Paid Nathan Gage, for provisions and clothing furnished Samuel P. White,.....	11 50
Whole amount paid for paupers for the year ending March 11th, 1873,.....	\$219 50

## ROADS AND BRIDGES.

Paid George H. Currier, bill for repairing the road near John Chamberlain's house,.....	\$ 49 50
John Cummings, bill for repair of highways in 1871,	25 13
Norris Emerson, bill for repair of highways in 1872,	16 25
William Giles, for gravel,.....	3 00
G. B. Currier, bill for breaking snow paths, ....	34 53
Frank Chase, " " " ....	25 67
Eli Richardson, " " " ....	24 82
Nelson Webster, " " " ....	36 88
Norris Emerson, " " " ....	19 55
John Wilson, " " " ....	14 11
Kimball J. Chaplin, " " " ....	25 06
James M. Hobbs, " " " ....	27 40
Jenj. F. Richardson, " " " ....	25 29
Asa D. Butler, " " " ....	21 00
Calvin Coburn, " " " ....	43 82
N. S. Sleeper, " " " ....	5 76
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	\$397 77

## SCHOOL MONEY.

Paid District No. 1, balance of Town appropriation for 1871,.....	\$189 19
Part of Town appropriation, for 1872,....	75 08
Literary fund, for 1872,.....	10 19
Dog fund, for 1870 and 1871,.....	23 54
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	298 00
District No. 2, balance of Town appropriation for 1871,.....	135 49
Part of Town appropriation, for 1872,....	76 65
Literary fund,.....	12 82
Dog fund, for 1870 and 1871,.....	23 54
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	248 50
District No. 2, balance of Town appropriation for 1871,.....	232 59
Part of Town appropriation, for 1872,....	39 08
Literary fund,.....	10 52
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Amounts carried forward,.....	282 19
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	\$546 50

Amounts brought forward,.....	282 19	\$546 50
Paid Dog fund, for 1870 and 1871,.....	23 54	
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District No. 4, balance of Town appropriation for 1871,.....	142 58	
Part of Town appropriation, for 1872,....	94 76	
Literary fund,.....	15 12	
Dog fund, for 1870 and 1871,.....	23 54	
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District No. 5, balance of Town appropriation for 1871,.....	109 80	
Part of Town appropriation, for 1872,....	118 05	
Literary fund,.....	9 86	
Dog fund, 1870 and 1871,.....	23 54	
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District No. 6, Town appropriation for 1872,.....	89 65	
Library fund,.....	3 29	
Dog fund, for 1870 and 1871,.....	23 54	
	<hr/>	116 48
Total,.....		\$1,505 96
School money due District No. 1,.....	198 19	
" " " " " 2,.....	196 62	
" " " " " 3,.....	234 19	
" " " " " 4,.....	178 51	
" " " " " 5,.....	155 22	
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Total,.....		\$962 73

## TOWN HOUSE.

Received for the use of the Town House, for the year ending March 11th, 1873,.....		\$43 00
Paid John Woodbury, for articles used in Town House,.....	5 10	
John Woodbury, for eight lamps,.....	6 00	
F. M. Woodbury, for opening Town Hall twenty-three times, at 25c.,.....	5 75	
For washing table-cloths, &c.,.....	3 16	
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Balance of income,.....		\$22 99

## ABATEMENT OF TAXES.

J. O. Allen, poll tax for 1871,.....	\$ 2 55
E. S. Burnham, poll tax for 1871,.....	2 55
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Amount carried farward,.....	\$ 5 10



Amount brought forward,.....	\$ 5 10
Geo. E. Burtt, poll tax for 1871,.....	2 55
Charles W. Coburn, " " .....	3 08
F. M. Ellenwood, " " .....	2 55
Edwin A. Keyes, " " .....	2 55
Chas. A. Marshall, " " .....	2 55
Mr. Rogan, " " .....	3 55
Joseph Lyon, " " .....	2 55
David Ford, dog tax for 1871,.....	1 00
Edward Young, part of tax for 1872,.....	1 50
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	\$26 98
Non-resident highway tax, paid in labor in the year 1872.....	53 31

## MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES.

Paid principal on notes held against said Town		
the past year,.....	\$9,838	00
Interest on sundry notes against said Town,	795	27
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Stone & Huse, printing Town Report March 1st,		
1872,.....		33 00
For board of Selectmen, Auditors, postage and		
expressage,.....		5 69
For medical advice,.....		10 00
For one axe,.....		1 50
For burial straps,.....		2 00
Nelson Webster, damage done by dogs,.....		8 00
John Woodbury, for driving hearse,.....		27 50
For board of transient persons,.....		4 00
Total,.....	\$10,724	96

AMOUNT OF TAXES ASSESSED.

State tax,.....	\$1,248 00
County tax,.....	787 25
School tax,.....	1,456 00
Dog tax,.....	78 00
Town tax,.....	2,809 59
Highway tax,.....	1,500 00
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	\$7,878 84

NATHAN GAGE, } *Selectmen*  
 GEORGE H. CURRIER, } *of*  
 MARTIN L. JONES. } *Pelham.*

# TREASURER'S REPORT.

MARCH 1, 1873.

March 1, 1872.	Amount of cash in the treasury,.....	\$1,107 78
July 1, 1872.	Received of Geo. H. Currier, Collector, the outstanding taxes for 1871,.....	966 04
	Amount of interest paid on the same,..	22 37
Aug. 3, 1872,	Received of James Tyler, for old hearse house,.....	20 00
" "	For old harness,.....	31
Jan. 31, 1873.	Received of the State Treasurer, the Savings Bank tax belonging to the Town,.....	546 99
" "	Received from same, the railroad tax,..	166 10
" "	" of the State Treasurer, for bounties paid by the Town to soldiers, during the late rebellion,.....	8,391 67
Feb. 22, 1873.	Received of M. L. Jones, in favor of the Town,.....	11 25
March 1, 1873.	Received of Geo. H. Currier, Collector, at various times during the year,....	4,465 94
" "	Received of the agent, for the use of the Town Hall,.....	43 00
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		\$15,741 45

The Treasurer of said Town charges the same with the following payments:

To cash paid on sundry orders, drawn by the Selectmen during the year ending March 1, 1873,.....	\$15,198 18
Leaving a balance in the Treasurer's hands of.....	543 27
March 1, 1873. Outstanding taxes now remaining in Collector's hands,....	\$1,834 90

## LITERARY FUND.

March 1, 1872.	Cash in the treasury,.....	\$61 80
Jan. 31, 1873.	Received of the State Treas- urer,.....	66 85
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		128 65
Amount carried forward,.....		<hr/>
		\$ 128 65



Amount brought forward,.....	\$128 65
Appropriated and paid the several Prudential School Committees the past year,.....	61 80
Leaving a balance in the treasury of.....	<u>\$ 66 85</u>

## DOG TAX FUND.

March 1, 1872. Cash in the treasury,.....	\$78 00
“ “ Cash paid by draft of Select- men, .....	8 00
March 1, 1873. Leaving unappropriated,.....	<u>\$ 70 00</u>

## FINANCIAL CONDITION OF THE TOWN.

Amount of Town debt March 1, 1872,.....	\$17,338 00
Paid (including interest) during the past year,.....	10,633 27
March 1, 1873. The whole amount of Town debt at the present time, .....	\$7,500 00

JOHN WOODBURY,

*Town Treasurer.*

The undersigned, Auditors of said Town, having examined the accounts of the Selectmen and Treasurer for the last financial year, find all orders issued by the Selectmen duly receipted, and all payments made by the Treasurer properly vouched, and his accounts correctly cast.

A. D. GREELEY,  
F. A. CUTTER.

PELHAM, March 1, 1873.



# REPORT

## OF THE SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE

OF THE TOWN OF PELHAM,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 11, 1873.

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In compliance with the Statutes of this State, in such case provided, I hereby respectfully submit the following report of the condition of the Public Schools in this Town.

In all the Districts—excepting No. 6—there have been three terms of school, which will be designated in this report as the Summer, Fall, and Winter terms.

### DISTRICT No. 1.

JOSHUA ATWOOD, Prudential Committee. Miss Eliza H. Woodbury, of this town, teacher through all the terms. The Summer term, of 10 weeks, was attended by 25 different scholars, with an average attendance of 21. The Fall term, of 8 weeks, was attended by 25 scholars—average attendance, 22. Reading and Spelling were attended to by every scholar in the school—this remark may be applied to every school in the town, during the year—18 studied Arithmetic, 5 Grammar, 7 Geography, 4 History, 18 Penmanship. Those two terms were attended, principally by the same scholars, and in this case they will be considered as one and the same term. The teacher had taught this school before, and had acquired therein the reputation of being, in all respects, well fitted for the position. Her scholars were well acquainted with her. They respected and loved her. The unexceptionably good order of the school, at the closing examination of each term, and the thorough understanding of the studies pursued, and the progress made by the pupils were highly creditable to teacher and scholars.

The Winter term, of 10 weeks, was attended by 26 different scholars. Average attendance, 22. The number in Penmanship,

22; Arithmetic, 24; Grammar, 9; Geography, 9; History, 3. The closing examination of this term showed that the scholars had made most commendable progress in their various studies, in Arithmetic most especially—3 completed Eaton's. The Reading was very good. Some recitations were very finely given. While excellent order was maintained, there seemed to exist the best of feelings between the teacher and the scholars. This good feeling, on the part of the scholars, was exhibited at the close of the exercises of the school, by their presenting, through Miss Fannie Atwood, a valuable present to the teacher, as a slight token of their appreciation of her services—an action alike honorable to the givers and the recipient. The whole number of scholars who have attended this school during the year was 32—15 boys and 17 girls. Wages of teacher, including board, \$32 per month, for Summer and Fall terms; \$48 for Winter term. Whole amount expended in the year, \$298. Average per scholar, \$9.31.

#### DISTRICT No. 2.

Prudential Committee, KIMBALL J. CHAPLIN. Teacher of Summer and Fall terms, Miss M. Amanda Cloyd, of this town. Number of scholars in Summer term of 8 weeks, 31. Average attendance, 26. Length of Fall term, 8 weeks. Number of scholars, 31. Average attendance, 26. Number in Penmanship, 19; Arithmetic, 22; Grammar, 10; Geography, 6; History, 6; Algebra, 3. The school made highly commendable progress in the branches pursued by the different scholars. I would make particular mention of Reading and Spelling, and, also, of the very thorough and understanding manner in which Arithmetic, mental and written, was taught by the teacher, and learned by the pupils. Singing was practiced to some extent; an exercise in which the scholars appeared to take a great interest, and it was well performed. The order and discipline of the school was very good. There seemed to be an excellent understanding between the teacher and her scholars, and the good order of the school I considered more the result of love and affection for her, than from fear. This regard for her was expressed, in a slight degree, in presenting her a valuable ring. Miss Cloyd had been their teacher five previous terms, and had acquired a high reputation as an accomplished, faithful teacher. To such a reputation I think her justly entitled.

The Winter term of eleven weeks was taught by Miss Luella E. Campbell, of Windham. Whole number of scholars, 31. Average



attendance, 26. Number in Penmanship, 18; Arithmetic, 25; Grammar, 7; Geography, 11; History, 1; Book-keeping, 1; Algebra and Geometry, 1. Miss Campbell came here with the reputation of an experienced, successful teacher. Her discipline was admirable, her manner of instruction pleasing. Her school, at the closing examination, showed marked progress in many branches. The Reading was excellent, Arithmetic very good, Book-keeping very fine, singing beautiful, exhibiting vocal talent of a high order. But I fear that the scholars and parents, too, of this really good school, did not take that interest in it, this term, that usually distinguishes them. Ninety-seven instances of tardiness, as reported, do not look just right. The whole number of scholars in the District that have attended during the year, 43; 25 boys, 18 girls. Wages of teacher: Summer term \$28, Fall term \$32, Winter term \$49 per month. Amount expended, \$240.50; amount to each scholar, \$5.60.

#### DISTRICT No. 3.

J. W. WALLACE, Prudential Committee. Miss Lucie F. Wallace, teacher through all the terms. Summer term, 8 weeks. Number of scholars, 28; average, 25. Fall term, 12 weeks. Number of scholars, 24; average,  $17\frac{1}{2}$ . Number in Penmanship, 15; Arithmetic, 20; Grammar, 3; Geography, 13; History, 2; Physiology, 1; Book-keeping, 1; Algebra, 1; Geometry, 1. Miss Wallace had never taught in this town, though she had taught a number of terms in Nashua, and brought from there a character of high repute as a teacher and otherwise. She proved to be an accomplished, systematic and faithful instructor, and her pupils made fine progress in the various branches to which they attended.

The Winter term of  $11\frac{1}{2}$  weeks was attended by 20 different scholars, with an average attendance of  $19\frac{1}{3}$ . Nineteen attended to Penmanship; 16 to Arithmetic; 10 to Grammar; 9 to Geography; 10 to Composition; 2 to History; 2 to Science of Common Things; 1 to Geometry, and 1 to Algebra. Vocal Music and Gymnastics were also practiced, with great benefit to the school, in my belief. The examination at the close of the school was very interesting in many aspects. The scholars were very orderly in their deportment, and by their prompt, correct answers to all questions put them, in their different studies, did honor to themselves and reflected great credit upon their teacher. Among other pleasing incidents of the occasion, not the least was that at the close of the exercises, when

Miss Clara Ellenwood, one of the scholars, came forward, and in a few well-chosen words, most gracefully presented the teacher a beautiful writing-desk containing other valuable articles, also as a slight token of the appreciation by the scholars of the labors of the teacher in their behalf. This was a genuine surprise to her, but she was equal to the occasion. I think that the large number of visitors present would generally agree with me, that this was a well-deserved tribute of respect. The whole number of scholars reported as having attended school during the year was 30; 15 boys, 15 girls. Wages of teacher, \$36 per month. Sum expended, \$305.73. Average to each scholar, \$10.15.

#### DISTRICT No. 4.

Prudential Committee, REV. MR. FOSS. Summer term, 8 weeks. Miss Mary A. Thom, of Salem, teacher. Number of scholars, 28. Average number, 21½. Eighteen in Writing; 23 in Arithmetic; 4 in Grammar; 12 in Geography. Miss Thom was a new teacher here, but had taught in her native town, and came well recommended. She labored faithfully and well in this school, and those scholars who punctually attended her school made very good progress, especially in Arithmetic. The order of the school was generally very good. The term, though short, I think was profitable.

The Fall term of 8 weeks was taught by Miss Alice A. Woodbury, of this town, a teacher of a well-established character. Number of scholars, 31. Average number, 28. Fifteen in Penmanship; 26 in Arithmetic; 5 in Grammar; 11 in Geography; 3 in History. This was a very profitable term. The teacher infused her pupils with energy, activity, and a zeal for acquiring knowledge that I have seldom seen equalled, and I fully concur with the remark made by the Rev. Mr. Foss, that he had never seen a school make so much improvement in eight weeks' time. The Winter term of 10 weeks, taught by the same teacher, was attended by 37 scholars. Average number, 33. Thirty-one attended to Penmanship; 32 to Arithmetic; 12 to Grammar; 14 to Geography; and 4 to History. The same spirit of activity, energy and zeal, which characterized the Fall term, was exhibited here. The improvement of the school was highly gratifying. The Reading was very good. Writing neat, some very fine specimens; and the classes in Arithmetic showed thorough training. I think that the good people of this District have realized great advantages from their school during the year, and are reaping a rich



reward for their liberal expenditure of money in erecting their model school-house for the use of their children. It was a source of great pleasure to meet so many of the residents of the District at the examinations of their school. I have learned since the close of the Winter term, that Miss Woodbury has received valuable testimonials of the high regard of her pupils for her and her services.

The whole number of scholars in the district, 38; 20 boys, 18 girls. Wages of teacher, Summer term, \$30; Fall term, \$36; Winter term, \$48 per month. Expended during the year, \$276.00. Average to each scholar, \$7.26.

#### DISTRICT No. 5.

Prudential Committee, ALVIN F. CARLTON. Miss Jennie R. Stickney, of Dracut, teacher of the Summer and Fall terms. Each term was attended by 22 different scholars, with an average attendance of 20. Eight weeks to each term. Twelve attended to Writing; 12 to Arithmetic; 3 to Grammar; 10 to Geography; 7 to Composition; 1 to History; 2 to Algebra. Miss Stickney had frequently taught in other schools in this town, and had justly acquired a high reputation as an accomplished, faithful teacher. This reputation she fully sustained in this school, and under her instruction her scholars made excellent, thorough progress in all the branches pursued. She has, however, retired from the service, accompanied, I doubt not, by the best wishes of all her numerous former pupils in this town, for her future happiness and prosperity in the sphere of usefulness to which she has recently devoted herself.

The Winter term of 10 weeks was taught by Miss M. Amanda Cloyd. Number of scholars, 26; average attendance, 24. In Penmanship, 15; Arithmetic, 24; Grammar, 18; Geography, 10; History, 1; Book-keeping, 5. Under the most excellent management of Miss Cloyd, the school made great improvement; in Arithmetic, especially so, intellectual and written. The Writing was very neat; the specimens of Book-keeping were worthy of all commendation; singing very finely performed. A number of the scholars were what might almost be called young men, and it was very pleasing to witness the very respectful manner with which they treated their teacher. This kind treatment, she assured me, she had received from them through the entire term. The regard of the scholars for their teacher was somewhat expressed in the form of a valuable present from them to her. Whole number of scholars in the District, 30; boys 18, girls

12. Wages of teacher: Summer and Fall terms \$32, Winter term \$48 per month. Sum expended during the year, \$261.25; average to each scholar, \$8.71.

#### DISTRICT No. 6.

Prudential Committee, JONAS KEYES. Teacher of Summer term, Miss Fannie E. Kelly, of this town. Length of term, 8 weeks, including 1 week's tuition given by the teacher. Number of different scholars, 6; average attendance,  $5\frac{2}{3}$ . Six attended to Writing; 6 to Arithmetic; 3 to Grammar; 5 to Geography; 2 to Botany; 2 to Science of Common Things; 1 to Algebra. Miss Kelly is a young teacher, but she acquitted herself very well indeed. Her school was an excellent one in every respect, save one: that was a want of four or five times more of just such scholars as she had. But I suppose the good citizens gave her all they had to spare. Of course, with such a teacher and such scholars as they have in that District, the school made marked progress in all branches pursued. I saw in that school the handsomest specimen of writing that I have seen in any school. It was executed by Miss Abbie A. Sherburne.

Length of Winter term, 12 weeks. Teacher, Miss Clara Abbie Keyes, of this town. Number of scholars, 8; average,  $7\frac{3}{4}$ . Eight attended to Writing; 8 to Arithmetic; 3 to Grammar; 6 to Geography; 1 to Algebra; 2 to Science of Common Things. Miss Keyes had taught this school on previous terms, and had given very good satisfaction, as I have been informed. The appearance of the school at its close reflected great credit upon her, as well as the scholars. The exercises were of a highly pleasing character. Intellectual Arithmetic remarkably good; Geography very good; Reading and Spelling well taught; Writing very finely executed, two books especially so, Miss Sherburne's and Miss Alice Gould's. That the scholars take an interest, and a deep interest, too, in their school, was shown in the very handsome and tasteful decoration of their school-room at the closing examinations of the school. Number of scholars in the District, 8; boys 5, girls 3. Sum expended, \$116.48, to which add \$10, for fuel, given. Wages of teacher: Summer \$22, Winter \$24 per month. Average to each scholar, \$14.56—exclusive of wood given.

The whole number of scholars in the town, as reported, 181; 98 boys, 83 girls. Number of different teachers employed, 9, all females.



Average wages, \$36.08 per month. Amount in money expended, \$1497.96. \$10 contributed for fuel in No. 6. Average sum expended, in cash, for each scholar, \$8.27.

Thus, fellow-citizens, I present you the details of the state and condition of your schools, as prescribed by law, as nearly as I am able to do from the reports of the teachers and my own examinations. Considering the amount of stormy, inclement weather, and so much very bad travelling during the school seasons, I think the attendance of the scholars has been remarkably good. As one inducement to constant attendance, I promised to give, in this report, the names of every scholar who attended school every day during the respective terms. A list of such names is appended to this, which is designated as the Roll of Honor. It may be unnecessary for me to say that they are good scholars. But perhaps the desire to enjoy the instructions of their truly excellent teachers, as in most cases they were, and the love of the school and its benefits, were the impelling motives. When the attendance is so good, gratifying results are sure to follow. The scholars, in all our schools, have been remarkably good in their deportment. I have not heard of a single instance of any difficulty between teacher and scholar, and of but one case of infliction of corporal punishment.

All the schools have been reported as well supplied with books, which speaks well for the parents. The school-houses are all in fair condition, except in No. 3, which is not in a fit condition for the wants of the school. That in No. 4 I regard as a *model school-house*. The school-house in No. 6 is a very good one. With feelings of sincere pleasure I present to your consideration this statement of the generally flourishing condition of your schools. I have spoken only of the branches taught. Other things might be introduced into them, with profit, I think; or some exercises, now partially attended to, ought to receive more attention. Book-keeping, for one, should receive far more consideration. No scholar should leave our schools without a knowledge of some system of keeping accounts. The scholar, in attending to this, can at the same time be improving his hand-writing. Epistolary correspondence, or letter-writing, including the proper form of superscribing or directing a letter, should also receive a due share of attention. The hand should be educated as well as the head. Object drawing would be useful for such an object. Various other matters might be named in this connection, but I will desist.

To parents of scholars, I would say, that in my judgment the

character of a school depends more upon you than any other agency. You may provide your children with a good school-room, a good teacher, and a supply of suitable books, yet, when you have done all this, and take no further interest in their education, you need not expect to realize much benefit from your school. You should inculcate habits of obedience, for the child that is well governed at home is more than half governed at school. Teach your children to respect their teachers, and manifest, on all occasions, a suitable degree of respect for their persons and characters, yourselves. Lend no listening ear to frivolous complaints, or mean, sneaking insinuations, and, above all, never, in the presence of your children, or of any one, speak in terms of ridicule or contempt of the person to whom you have entrusted the care of your children, for even a single half day. Visit your teachers, and invite them to visit you. Cultivate their acquaintance. Let them know that they possess your friendship and esteem, and you and your children will be sure to have theirs. Again, if you have, or fancy you have, a just cause of grievance against a teacher, let that teacher be the first person to whom you say anything about it. Let that be done in private, and in a spirit of candor and good nature, not of denunciation or reprehension. Oftentimes a few words of explanation will remove seriously erroneous impressions. Many of the difficulties in schools have arisen from a slight misunderstanding, or a wrong construction put on a single word. But I am aware that I have said enough on this point.

It is a source of gratulation that we have so large a number of well-qualified and successful teachers of our own, so to speak, in the town, and that their merits are so well appreciated at home and abroad. I deem it a high honor to the town, and it is very gratifying that there are many more young ladies in our schools, who are now well fitted to join in the work, so honorable. Let us then so treat our teachers that the position may be deemed one of distinction.

From the early settlement of the town, down to the present time, our Public Schools have been the objects of the highest interest, as well as of an honest pride. And they may justly be so, for, from our former rude school-rooms in this town, have gone forth men who have graced the pulpit, the halls of legislation, State and national, the judicial bench, the bar, the highest medical professorships, those who stand among merchant princes, as one of them, and successful business men in almost every department of industry or trade; and men, and women too, distinguished as teachers at home and abroad. When we take all this into consideration, and reflect that they, all



of them, received their first educational impulses in the Schools of our town, again I say, that we may justly feel proud of our Common Schools. To us, to you, is committed the charge that they receive no detriment. Let them be the precious objects of your care and watchfulness. That you now feel a deep interest in the welfare of your Schools I am well satisfied. The attendance of such large numbers of citizens, ladies and gentlemen, at the examinations of the Schools, is sufficient evidence of your deep interest in their prosperity. Suffer not this interest to flag in the least degree, but rather let it be stimulated to increased and ever-increasing zeal to advance the prosperity and usefulness of those "colleges of the people," your Common Schools.

MOODY HOBBS,

*Superintending School Committee.*

PELHAM, March 11, 1873.

## ROLL OF HONOR.

DISTRICT No. 1. *Summer Term*—\*Hattie B. Gibson. *Fall Term*—Eliza A. Kent, Ida L. Searles, Hattie B. Gibson, Lucy A. Atwood, Nellie A. Kent, Belle B. Hatch, Willie H. Atwood. *Winter Term*—Ida L. Searles, Lucy A. Atwood, Hattie B. Gibson, Bennie D. Bachelder, Eddie N. Sleeper, John S. Bachelder, Eddie A. Bachelder.

DISTRICT No. 2. *Summer Term*—\*Ellen Chaplin, \*Jennie Thompson, Charles Stacey, Geo. E. Richardson, Mary E. Richardson, Elmer E. Chaplin. *Winter Term*—Elmer E. Chaplin, G. E. Richardson, Jennie Thompson, Ellen J. Chaplin, Lauua Chaplin.

DISTRICT No. 3. *Spring Term*—Clara E. Spofford, Eunice Woodward, \*Emma M. Butler, Lettie M. Runnels, Arthur V. Marshall, Geo. E. Pearsons. *Fall Term*—Emma M. Butler, Eunice Woodward, Lennie F. Butler. *Winter Term*—James A. Hobbs, Charles C. Butler, Geo. E. Pearsons, Lennie F. Butler, Emma M. Butler, Charles Webster.

DISTRICT No. 4. *Summer Term*—\*Celia A. Butler, Mary J. Roney. *Fall Term*—M. Nellie Foss, Lulie Kittredge, Mary J. Roney, Sarah Woodman, Celia A. Butler, Annie Young, Sarah Roney, \*Henry Cluff, Henry Titcomb, Arthur Emerson, Jason Worcester. *Winter Term*—Laura Young, Lizzie Kittredge, Nellie Kittredge, Celia A. Butler, Sarah Woodman, Jason Worcester, George Hunt, Henry Cluff, Loren Butler, Charles Kittredge, Charles Woodman, Eddie Young.

DISTRICT No. 5. *Summer Term*—Lizzie L. Carr, Clara E. Carlton, Mary M. Giles, Luella Hobbs, Martha Wood, Henry M. Currier, Arthur G. Currier, Wm. W. Giles, Charles Ham, Willis Hobbs. *Fall Term*—Lizzie L. Carr, Ella Fox, Luella Hobbs, Martha M. Wood, Henry A. Carlton, Henry M. Currier, Arthur G. Currier, Allie A. Giles, Willis Hobbs, Geo. P. Wood. *Winter Term*—Allen E. Lewis, Charles D. Lewis, Willis G. Hobbs.

DISTRICT No. 6. *Summer Term*—Abbie A. Sherburne, Sarah Sherburne. *Winter Term*—Milon C. Keyes, Eddie J. Spalding.

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